

We Believe...in God the Father

Prelude “Aria and Allegro S, Wesley”
“As with Gladness Men of Old”

arr. C. Callahan
arr. J. Leavitt

The Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

- Psalm 111

*The Welcome

***The Hymn of Praise** “Savior of the Nations, Come”

LUYH 74 vs 1,4,6,7

*The Opening Prayer

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***The Song of Worship** “Holy Forever”

Tomlin

We Believe...in God the Son

The Call to Repentance

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Prayer for the Forgiveness of Sins

Holy and merciful God, we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for Jesus has conquered sin and death. Amen

The Proclamation of Pardon

God has caused to shine in our hearts, the light that is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

***The Song of Assurance** "All Glory be to Christ"

Kensrue/Gardner

We Believe...in the Holy Spirit

***The Prayer of Blessing**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended far above the heavens so that he might fill the entire universe. Give us the faith to see that, just as he promised, he remains with his Church on earth until the end of time. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in unending glory. Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They return to the Sanctuary to join their families for communion.

The Scripture Reading Hebrews 1:1-14

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “The Son’s Present & Future Work”

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response** “Wonderful Merciful, Savior”

Rogers/Wyse

We Believe...in one holy Church

***The Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary, and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.**

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living
and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Songs for Communion "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	LUYH 821 vs 1-3
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	LUYH 824 vs 1,5,6
"There Is a Redeemer"	LUYH 833 vs 1,2
"Soon and Very Soon"	LUYH 482 vs 1,3,4

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

I pray that out of God's glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Offering *Bethany Christian Services*

The Offertory "All Glory Be to God On High"

arr. M. Burkhardt

***The Sending Hymn** “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

LUYH 209 vs 1,4

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Hymn of Rejoicing”

JS Bach

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Mauricio Espinal

Vocalist: Patrice Frantz, Paul LaMaire

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and sweet treats after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today’s Ministry Spotlight: Bethany Christian Services demonstrates the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting children, empowering youth, and strengthening families through quality social services. If you’d like to learn more, please view the flyer at the Welcome Desk.

Walk-Out Worship: This week we will welcome our children back to the Sanctuary for Communion. They will have time for singing, engage in their weekly liturgy, review the stories of Advent and have a response time.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please keep Sharon Ottens in your prayers as she recovers from spinal surgery.

Vic Nienhuis has returned home to Grand Pines.

Please continue to pray for those recovering from surgery including Jane DeGroot and Cheryl Diephouse.

Church Announcements:

Art Gallery: *"Connections. Pause. Reflect. Wonder."* will be showcasing until the end of January. Please invite your family and friends to visit the Atrium Gallery during regular office hours. Also, a list of pieces for sale is available in the office.

Book Club: New Year-New Book! We will meet on Monday Jan, 19th at 1:30pm in the Church Parlor. Open to anyone interested. Book to discuss, "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. Interesting and informative, plus fellowship and refreshments.

January Series: We are again hosting this award-winning series on Monday January 19th - Friday January 30th, which features top-rated speakers. It draws many visitors from the community each day who come to learn but also come to enjoy the delicious treats that are provided. If you are willing to help provide cookies and bars, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Little Lambs Playgroup: We're hosting a mom and toddler playgroup at church on Thursday, January 15 from 9:30-12:00pm. All Moms with young children are welcome to attend. Bring your own coffee, kiddos and come for fellowship and playtime in the North Hall. Questions, ask Jenna Brian or email Amy Wolffis.

Men's Breakfast: Join us on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 8:30am! This relaxed "Meet & Greet" is a great opportunity to enjoy breakfast together, connect, and get to know the men who attend Second CRC. We hope you'll come and be part of the fellowship. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Ping Pong: We will continue on Mondays January 5 at 1:30pm in the church basement.

SWANS: Let's start our New Year by having breakfast at the Pine Street Cafe in Ferrysburg on January 20 at 9:30. Reservations are needed, please call Barb at (616)-485-7595 or Carole (616) 502-2015. Carpooling from church can be arranged.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin our Winter Session on Saturday January 17. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

Volunteer Schedule

January 4, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt Paul Marotti Mark Boelens Harley Dyk

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Team 9- Eric Rotman, Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Larry & June Au; Art & Marilyn Bolt

Nursery: Mary Wierenga, Kim Van Stratt

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Amy Bunce

Walk Out I: Mary Winkle, Elisa Alvarado

Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Reed Van Stratt

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Bob & Manette deJonge

Council in Parlor: Alan VanDyke, Dan Braak

Offering: Bethany Christian Services

January 11, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Dan & Melissa Meindersma; Bob & Deb Wagenmaker;

Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Amy Wolffis

Walk Out I: Marie Rycenga, Deb Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Betsy Blackmon, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Alan Van Dyke, Curt & Mary DeJongh

Council in Parlor: Dan Braak, Rick Clapp

Offering: Resonate Global- The Slacks

Calendar

Sunday, January 4

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday, January 5

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, January 6

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM – Leadership Board

Wednesday, January 7

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting/Craft Group

6:30 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, January 8

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Friday, January 9

Office Closed

Saturday, January 10

8:30 AM- Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 11

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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